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SUBJ: SOVIET INTEREST IN WEST BERLIN

REF: STATE 47569; BERLIN 453

1. AFTER CONSULTING INFORMALLY WITH UK AND FRENCH REPS, US EMBOFF APPROACHED FRG FONOFF REP (BLECH) MARCH 16 TO MAKE POINT (REFTEL) THAT ANY SOVIET COMPLAINTS ABOUT IMPLEMENTATION OF BERLIN AGREEMENT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO ALLIES AND NOT BE RAISED BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO FRG, AS STATE SECRETARY BAHR HAD SUGGESTED IN HIS MARCH 9 CONSULTATIONS WITH ALLIED AMBASSADORS.

2. BLECH SAID HE FULLY ACCEPTED OUR POSITION AND THOUGHT THAT THERE HAD PERHAPS BEEN A MISUNDERSTANDING OF BAHR' S VIEW. BLECH SAID THAT BAHR SIMPLY WANTED THE SOVIETS, IF THEY HAD MATTERS TO RAISE WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WHICH CONCERNED THE QA (E. G. FOREIGN REPRESENTATION), TO DO SO IN BONN. BAHR DID NOT WANT
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BELETSKIY RAISING THEM WITH THE FRG FONOFF REP IN WEST BERLIN. (IN FACT, BLECH STATED THAT THE FONOFF REP THERE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO AVOID FURTHER CONTACTS WITH BELETSKIY OR OTHER MEMBERS OF BELETSKIY' S SECTION).

3. EMBOFF SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THIS THINKING BUT AGAIN STRESSED THAT THE FRG SHOULD TELL THE SOVIETS, IF THEY APPROCHED FRG REPS WITH ANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE QA, TO TAKE THE PROBLEM UP WITH THE ALLIES, USING THE CHANNEL OF THEIR EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN. EMBOFF NOTED THAT US MINISTER KLEIN HAD ALREADY MADE THIS POINT TO BELETSKIY. BLECH SAID HE WOULD REPORT OUR VIEWS, WITH WHICH HE WAS IN AGREEMENT. HILLENBRAND

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